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Gas prices at local stations in Peel, including this Pioneer in Mississauga, are expected to spike over the next week due to Hurricane Harvey. (PDN Staff Photo)

Gas up now before Pump Prices Soar: Analyst

by PDN Staff

With gas prices on the rise across Peel Region, Port Credit resident Tracy Williams filled up her SUV Wednesday ahead of any further increases.

“Of course” they’re blaming Hurricane Harvey, she said, but doesn’t believe it. “Not at all, one’s got nothing to do with the other. Any excuse,” she said.

Hurricane Harvey, which has ravaged southeast Texas and Louisi-

ana, is being blamed for disrupting America’s largest refining hub and driving up gasoline prices across Canada

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Charges laid after firearm and drug seizure in Brampton

12 Division's Neighbourhood Policing Unit have arrested and charged two males with numerous firearm and drug related offences.

On August 29, 2017, at 4:25 p.m., officers investigated two males in relation to a drug-related incident in the area of Hurontario and Dundas Street in Mississauga.

Upon arrest, police discovered a loaded P16-40, .40 calibre semi-automatic

handgun, along with over \$10,000 in Canadian currency and \$4,600 in cocaine and heroin.

27-year-old Aaron Deniese, from Sudbury, has been charged with numerous firearm related offences.

26-year-old Rimzan Lye, from Brampton, has been charged with numerous firearm and drug related charges.

The two men appeared in Brampton court on Aug. 30.



Photo Courtesy of Peel Police

Brampton man charged in largest drug bust in OPP history

A Brampton resident is among three men charged in connection with the largest single drug seizure in OPP history.

Orillia Police announced Monday morning that they had completed an intercontinental investigation that resulted in the discovery of 1,062 kilograms of pure cocaine.

The wholesale value of the cocaine is worth \$60 million. The eventual street value is approximately \$250 million.

The investigation was conducted by Project HOPE, a cross-border joint initiative involving Peel Regional Police, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the OPP's Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), among others.

The investigation discovered three individuals who were transporting mass amounts of cocaine from Argentina, and linked to cocaine being transported in shipping containers at the Port of Montreal.

The OPP worked with CBSA over the course of several months to identify the containers and locations.

Investigators were eventually led to cocaine caches in Montreal and Stoney Creek, Ontario.

36-year-old Mauricio Antonio Medina-Gatica from Brampton was charged with importing and trafficking cocaine.

52-year-old Luis Enrique Karim-Altamirano, of Vaughan, and 45-year-old Iban Orozco-Lomeli, of Toronto, were charged with possession and trafficking counts.

Medina Gatica and Orozco-Lomeli have been released on bail, while Karim-Altamirano is still in custody and will appear at a bail hearing on Aug. 30.

"With the amount of pure cocaine seized during Project HOPE, we've stopped many criminals from causing more harm to our communities," said OPP Commissioner Vince Hawkes.

Charges laid after firearm and drug seizure in Brampton

21 Division's Criminal Investigation Bureau have laid charges relating to a motorcycle complaint last week.

Police responded to calls on Friday evening around 6 p.m. regarding a number of males driving motorcycles at high speed in the Mount Premier and Mount Fuji Crescent residential area in Brampton.

An officer visiting the scene reported that one of the motorcycles was stolen and attempted to arrest a man.

He was swarmed and assaulted by other males in the area, but did not suffer any injuries.

Police investigated further and executed a search warrant at a residence, which resulted in the seizure of an undisclosed amount of drugs including crack and cocaine, a large quantity of ammunition, an addition-

al stolen motorcycle and a pump-action shotgun.

21-year-old Kimo Christie, from Brampton, was arrested and charged with multiple offenses, including firearm possession, possession of a controlled substance and firearm possession.

25-year-old Linval Ritchie, of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with assaulting a police officer. He was released on a promise to appear in court on Sept. 28.

A 17-year-old Orangeville man, who cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was arrested and charged with assaulting an officer. He will appear in court on Sept. 26.

Police are also looking for witnesses who may have seen the incident or recorded video.

Cops looking for witnesses in latest homicide in Mississauga

by **Marco Patrone**

Peel Regional Police are looking for two suspects in a white SUV after a fatal shooting in the area of The Collegeway and Ridgeway Drive early Saturday morning.

A woman and man, both described as black, were spotted heading eastbound on The Collegeway shortly after the shooting of a man in his 20s.

Residents in a local apartment block woke up to the sound of police sirens as heavily armed tactical officers and K-9 units responded to reports of gunfire.

"The call came in around 7:50," said Const. Bancroft Wright. "We received a report of shots fired and officers arrived and saw a male in distress. The ambulance

arrived and he was later pronounced dead."

The victim was later identified as 29-year-old Franc Gabriel Paisley, of Mississauga.

Afterwards, some residents who live in the nearby apartment complex gathered outside.

"Hearing all the sirens and stuff. Someone is murdered, that's all we know," said a man who lives in the apartment building where much of the police investigation was focused.

"I know it's on the sixth floor. Something to do with the sixth floor and the shooting. I'm on the 11th floor," said the resident, who declined to give his name.

"Considering this hasn't happened in a long time, it's a quiet neighbourhood.

We came out to the excitement."

He said most of those who live in the building are fine but adds some non-residents may not be.

"It's just some of the people that come visit. I don't know if they're from there or what."

Ahmed, a resident who lives in a nearby building, said he didn't notice any-

thing out of the ordinary until he looked outside his window.

"I never really heard. I just looked outside my window and saw a bunch of cop cars."

Police have yet to release suspect information, but are asking members of the public to contact them if they know anything that may help their investigation.



Police searching for group of suspects after Mississauga man shot

12 Division's Criminal Investigation Bureau is asking for the public's helps as they investigate a shooting in Mississauga.

This past Monday, Aug. 28 around 7 p.m., a 20-year-old man entered a gas station in the Blood Street and Fieldgate Drive area and requested that an employee call an ambulance.

The victim was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening gunshot wounds to his hand and leg.

Investigators later learned that the man had been shot in a nearby parking lot behind a residential apartment build-

A group of suspects were witnessed leaving the scene in a grey sport utility vehicle.

Police are asking witnesses who may have seen the incident or have video evidence to contact them.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact 12 Division at (905) 453-2121, ext. 1233.

Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting www.peelcrimestoppers.ca or by sending a text message to CRIMES (274637) with the word 'PEEL' and then your tip.

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NDP's Singh at head of pack for membership signups

by John Valorzi

NDP membership numbers released this week by Brampton MPP Jagmeet Singh suggest he could be closing in on the federal party leadership this fall.

The Singh campaign website claims the 38-year-old Sikh provincial politician has signed up more than 47,000 new members to the party since he joined the race in May. Of those, 30,000 are from Ontario, including 25,000 from the GTA and Hamilton areas.

He also claims he signed up 10,000 new members in B.C., where a provincial NDP government recently took office.

The Singh numbers were not independently verified, though the federal NDP re-

vealed that 124,000 NDP members are eligible to vote in the leadership contest -- close to the 128,000 that could vote in the 2012 campaign that elected outgoing leader Tom Mulcair.

The first round of voting begins in mid-September and results of the one-member, one-vote ballot will be made public Oct. 1. If needed, second and third rounds will be announced Oct. 8 and Oct. 15.

An Ontario MPP from Bramalea-Gore-Malton since 2011, Singh is the first Sikh politician to wear a turban in the Ontario legislature.

On his party's more progressive side, the former trial lawyer has built his leadership bid by expanding the party to new members, particularly in ethni-

cally diverse areas of Peel Region, other parts of the GTA and Metro Vancouver.

The GTA and Vancouver are home to about 90 per cent of Canada's 470,000-strong Sikh community, whose families immigrated to Canada from the northern Indian region of Punjab.

Singh has promoted inclusiveness in his campaign and during a recent debate in Montreal said he opposes a planned Quebec law that attempts to enshrine the policy that that all people giving or receiving a service from the state must do so with their face uncovered.

The other leadership hopefuls -- Manitoba MP Niki Ashton, Quebec MP Guy Caron and Northern Ontario MP Charlie Angus also

weighed in on the legislation and said the party must continue to fight racism and Islamophobia.

As a visible minority, Singh urged Quebecers to take his leadership bid seriously and dismiss the identity politics that has affected parts of the province in recent years.

"I'm not here to convince you to accept my turban, nor my beard," he told the French-language debate.

"What I want to convince you is that I'm someone who shares the same values as you."

In a tweet this week, Singh said his successful membership drive came from a strong leadership team, made up of 3,259 volunteers, 1,147 so-called growth captains and 73 organizers

in two national campaign offices.

"We're growing the party from the ground up and providing and providing leadership roles to new faces across Canada."

Political pollster Eric Grenier noted that Ontario, with 52,000 members, and British Columbia, with just under 32,000, account for 68 per cent of the party membership that can vote for the new leader.

"It will be these two provinces that will decide who wins this race," Grenier said. "In 2012 together they had about 59 per cent." Singh and Angus are the only Ontario candidates in the race and B.C.'s Peter Julien dropped out earlier this summer.

Gas prices set to spike due to Hurricane Harvey over next week

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Analysts are predicting prices will hit \$1.25 a litre by next week if refinery disruptions in Texas are not dealt with soon.

On Wednesday, an Esso station in Port Credit was charging \$115.9 a litre.

Dan McTeague, the Senior Petroleum Analyst for Gas Buddy, says that price will look good compared to what motorists will pay in the days ahead.

He's forecasting an increase to \$118.9, followed by another one to \$122.9 a litre just ahead of the Labour Day Weekend.

"Right now, you have an historic number of refineries in the United States that have closed down. We've never had a situation where over 30% of refineries are off line. That's likely to lead

to higher prices," he explained.

The question of where prices are headed next week is anyone's guess, "until we know how severely, the storm has damaged those refineries; a storm, by the way, that is still going."

Even if the hurricane damage to refineries isn't devastating, McTeague is predicting short term increases in prices at the pumps in Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon lasting several weeks.

"The increases seen since last week would be on par with those back in Sept. 2008, when we saw one increase of 12 cents. Right now, it looks like we're going to exceed that and it's likely to go up another 10 cents."

Prices have gone up about 5 cents since the

middle of last week.

The impact of this latest hurricane on fuel prices is expected to be more serious than in 2008.

"This is not going to end here," he said. "There's been far more refineries shut off line. Demand is going to be higher with the long weekend coming up. You're probably looking at ongoing flooding and until the waters recede, there's no way to get those refineries back online, much as they're going to try."

There may be some temporary relief, thanks to what McTeague calls "retail shenanigans".

"Gas bars tend to shave their retail margins, things that cover the cost of credit card charges and for the cost of electricity used to turn on their pumps. The overhead



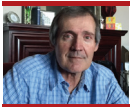
Mississauga resident Tracy Williams fills up on gas at a Pioneer station in Mississauga. (PDN Staff Photo)

it takes to run a gas station isn't free. Quite often what they do is, they're buying gasoline for about \$1.05. They're going to try and get closer to that number to get more volume, get their discounts and maybe get a few more people buying products within their stores."

Those "shenanigans" could bring prices down to \$1.08 to a \$1.10 a litre in Peel Region, but it won't last long.

Motorists who miss out on any short-term decrease could be paying \$1.25 by the middle of next week.

Debate differences, not tear down monuments



John Valorzi
Columnist

If you're a student at Sir John A. Macdonald Sr. Public School in Brampton or you drive to work on Winston Churchill Blvd. along Peel's western border in Mississauga, you could become a victim of the culture wars.

The provincial elementary school teachers union has requested boards of education wipe the founding father's name from schools because they believe he committed "genocide" against aboriginals as prime minister 150 years ago.

And in some circles, academics are starting to reassess the legacy of Churchill, the great wartime British prime minister who was also a white supremacist and imperialist in his earlier days.

What's next? Are critics going to ask that we name the Oakville border road Western Blvd. because the Churchill connection is offensive to Peel Region's ethnic minorities?

We've already seen the Culture Warriors at work in the United States, demanding the tearing down of century-old



Confederate statues that revere U.S. Civil War generals like Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee, ostensibly because such monuments glorify slavery of the Old South.

Let's stop this nonsense and just learn to talk to and civilly debate each other's differences.

The culture wars and identity politics are not just the product of the new populism sparked by the election of Donald Trump to the White House and the nasty rhetoric and race-baiting that helped get him there.

It's bigger than that.

Identity politics have intensi-

fied as the economy weakens, millions of jobs disappear and people feel more vulnerable about their future amid rapid changes to society from technology and widespread immigration.

Remember your history. The most infamous period of the culture wars and ethnic nationalism was during the fascist 1930s, when the devastating impact of the Great Depression lingered for years and produced the deadliest war in history.

The violent clashes between white supremacists and left-wing anarchists at Charlottesville, Va. that caused so much

media frenzy a few weeks ago is nothing compared with the daily and deadly clashes between right and left in Berlin, Munich and Paris for much of the early '30s.

Society has always been divided - between left and right, black, white and brown, rich and poor, young and old, gay, straight and transgender.

These days, those divisions seem more acute because of the Internet, social media and the so-called grievance culture that now dominates social thinking.

For many, blaming others for their misfortunes helps them cope. But if done at a broader

level, accusing others just delays any progress or practical solutions to society's problems.

Former Atlanta mayor Andrew Young, a longtime civil rights leader, has opposed the fight over Confederate statues, in part because it creates more barriers between people.

"I think it's too costly to re-fight the Civil War," he opined. "We have paid too great a price in trying to bring people together."

As Young well knows from his struggles in the civil rights movement, the world has always been tribal.

No matter what Utopia you want to live in, it will always

remain so.

That said, there is hope. As Trump has noted, a growing and prosperous economy will go a long way to solve the divisions in society that seem to closely mirror the poverty level.

More jobs can create more social cohesion. But so can a deeper examination of history by all citizens to better understand the grievances felt by many groups around the world.

History has many sides and often opposing truths but it can't be changed, only interpreted.

Learning what really happened in the past and gaining insights that can help us today is all we should expect.

Using history as a political tool or redefining it to advance a particular agenda - either of the right or left - is wrong.

Churchill and Macdonald would have agreed with that and so should the rest of us.

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OPSEU strikes new deal with local workers

The government agency that runs group homes and other services for the developmentally challenged in Peel Region and other parts of the western GTA has agreed to a new contract with its local workers.

A week before the 340 workers could have gone on strike, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and Central West Specialized Developmental Services have

struck a deal.

The members of OPSEU Local 249 had been working without a contract since March 2016. Wages were the key issue in the dispute.

"Our members were genuinely insulted when management came to the table offering a dime more an hour," said Local 249 vice-president Terry Kirkelos, who is also a member of the union bargaining team.

"To see that increased to 70 cents is a real victory."

The union represents 340 workers at the Central West Specialized Development Services agency at group homes in Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington, Halton Hills and Georgetown.

The 340 workers provide residential services in group homes across and treatment services, including counselling,

nursing, speech-language pathology, behaviour therapy, and psychology services.

Besides the wage hike, the OPSEU workers also saw their benefits improved, including a three-cent increase in their travel allowance, from 39 cents a kilometre to 42 cents.

A ratification vote is slated for Thursday, August 31. The union bargaining team has unan-

imously recommended that members accept the deal.

"Solidarity was central to Local 249's ability to reach a tentative agreement," said OPSEU president Warren (Smokey) Thomas.

"The members were united behind their bargaining team, and management got the message loud and clear. That's why an agreement was reached before the Sept.

6 strike deadline."

OPSEU is the province's biggest public sector union, with 130,000 members who work for the Ontario government, inside community colleges, for the LCBO, in the health care sector community agencies inside the broader public service.

Box office Blues Biting into Bottom Line: Restaurant Association



by **Marco Patrone**

PDN Staff Photo

This year's dismal summer movie box-office draws may be hurting Peel Region's restaurant sector, according to an industry association.

"Absolutely," said Tony Elenis of the Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association, which has its office in Mississauga.

"Just from our research in the past, we know that about 50 per cent of theater patrons visit a restaurant prior to or after attending a theater."

The restaurant industry is still crunching the numbers on this summer's receipts, but movie box office numbers are in – and they are terrible.

Canadian and U.S. receipts from the final weekend in August were the lowest in 16 years. The month's total box office numbers are



Tony Elenis

down 35% from last year. "I read a lot about the drivers to our industry, and I see theater traffic is down. If there's less people going to a theater, it absolutely will have an impact to that restaurant," Elenis said.

Spring proved to be a grim foreshadowing of what was to come in the summer for the movie industry.

Cineplex, Canada's largest movie chain, reported 400,000 fewer customers in the April to June quarter. If prevailing industry trends prove correct, it would suggest that 200,000 fewer Canadian moviegoers would've dined at a nearby eatery in the three months leading to summer.

In the movie industry's post-mortem of the summer season, much of the early blame appears directed at Hollywood's reliance on franchises, sequels and reboots.

As a life-long moviegoer, Elenis says there is a growing sense of 'franchise fatigue' among those looking for something fresh and exciting at the cinema.

"All I hear is that there's a lot of remakes, and nothing about big blockbusters that would draw people in."

The producers of Holly-

wood flops have some hope of recouping their losses in international markets, but that does little to help restaurants in Peel Region.

There are also anecdotal reports that poor summer weather is having a negative effect on some eateries. "Those who have patios are hurting big time because of the weather," Elenis said.

The news isn't all bad. The cheap Canadian dollar is giving tourism a boost, which may go a long way toward offsetting the less than stellar movie-going traffic.

Up until June, the restaurant industry was up 10% from last year.

Whether those numbers will hold up in the face of poor weather and bad movie ticket sales numbers remains to be seen.

"There's many factors probably driving any downturn to the industry," says Elenis. "There's an absence of any tangible data. It does get complex when you're asking 'what happened to my business' this year versus last year," he said.

The restaurant industry's total receipts will tell the real story and they won't be available for another month or two.

Crossmark Canada marketing firm appoints new president and CEO

by **John Valorzi**

Texas-based brand marketer Crossmark has appointed a new head of its Mississauga-based Canadian operations.

The Plano, Tex. company has chosen Mark Ayer as president and CEO of the Canadian division, effective Friday, Sept. 1.

Ayer joined Crossmark Canada - headquartered on Explorer Dr. in northern Mississauga - as senior vice-president of customer development in April and has worked for food and consumer product giants in the past.

He replaces Christopher Terrio, who headed the Canadian division for the last six years.

"Mark brings a wealth of CPG (consumer packaged goods) and food and beverage industry knowledge, business insight and retail-



er relationships from his nearly 30 years at Gillette, P&G and Kraft Heinz, and we are excited to have him leading our Canadian operations." Crossmark CEO Steve Schuckenkrock said in a statement announcing the new appointment.

Crossmark is a 112-year-old sales and marketing services company that works with consumer-branded suppliers and retailers to grow their brands and sales.

The Texas company has 40,000 employees around the world and US\$1 billion in annual sales and is majority owned by Warburg Pincus, a big private equity firm.

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Labour Day Closures for the Region of Peel



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Region of Peel offices and non-emergency services will be closed for the Labour Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 4 and will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Residents in Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon are advised that there will be no waste collection on Monday, Sept. 4 due to the holiday. Waste collection will be one day later that week.

All Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) will also be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 and will reopen for regular operating hours on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Human Services Reception, Employment Resource Centres, Rent Supplement offices, Peel Access to Housing, Service Access, Ontario Works, and Peel Living offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4 and reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

day, Sept. 5.

Peel Living tenants can still call the 24 Hour request line at 905-790-7335 to report any maintenance issues.

Emergency homeless shelters will remain open. They can be reached by phone or by using the online Find a Shelter tool.

For emergencies related to food, medication or personal support, call the Region of Peel at (905) 791-7800.

The following Regional offices and services will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 and will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 5:

- Region of Peel Services
- Access Peel
- Region of Peel Public Health Clinics
- Dental Services
- Breastfeeding Services

- Healthy Sexuality Services

TransHelp service hours on Monday, Sept. 4 will be 6 a.m. – 1 a.m. with bus service until 10 p.m.

All rides for Monday, Sept. 4 and Tuesday, Sept. 5 must be booked by midnight on Sunday, Sept. 3.

The Accessible Transportation office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, reopening on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Please contact TransHelp at (905) 791-1015 with any questions.

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4 for the Labour Day Holiday.

For more information, call (905) 791-4055 or visit pama.peelregion.ca.

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Mutual fund broker accused of conducting illegal trades

A Mississauga mutual fund dealer fired by one of Canada's big banks two years ago is accused of forging client signatures to illegally execute trades.

Arameet Kaur Bhullar will face a disciplinary hearing this fall by the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada, the industry regulatory group.

Bhullar, who worked in the fund industry from 2012 to 2015, is accused of falsifying seven client signatures on five accounts to process transactions. The events occurred between September and October, 2015.

He was fired by Scotia Securities Inc. in Novem-

ber 2015 and is no longer working in the investment industry.

Bhullar's first disciplinary hearing on the matter is slated for Oct. 28.

The hearing panel has the power to reprimand Bhullar, fine him up to \$5 million for each offense, suspend or revoke his fund licence to work in the in-

dustry.

The association is the self-regulatory group for Canadian mutual fund dealers, regulating the operations, standards of practice and business conduct of its members and 83,000 fund salespersons with a mandate to protect investors.



Michael-Angelo's sold to local grocer

The gourmet Italian grocery store that has catered to shoppers for more than three decades on Erin Mills Parkway is coming under new ownership this week.

Michael-Angelo's has been sold to Starsky Fine Foods, a grocer with stores in Mississauga and Hamilton that specialize in eastern European meats and cheeses. The sale is effective Friday, Sept. 1.

Shoppers won't notice much of a change initially since the Michael-Angelo's banner will

remain on the company's two stores - in Mississauga and Aurora.

As well, the Italian meats and produce Michael-Angelo's is known for will be expanded with more selections from other parts of Europe.

That means shoppers can buy kielbasa sausage and Polish Brochocki cheese as well as mortadella cold cuts and Reggiano parmesan.

However, Michael-Angelo's Gusto rewards program expires this week, so shoppers redeem-

ing gift cards or points must do it by the end of business today.

Michael-Angelo's was started by the Pugliese family, which immigrated to east-end Toronto from the central Italian province of Calabria in 1954 and eventually opened a store. The company's name derives from Angelo Pugliese and his son Michael, who have run the family business.

Starsky Fine Foods operates two stores on Dundas St. in Mississauga and one in Hamilton.

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Mississauga medical device company posts higher sales but wider loss

MedX Health Corp., a Mississauga medical device maker focused on skin cancer screening, reported higher revenues but a wider loss in its latest quarter as the company grows its business.

The small company, based on Bonhill Rd. southwest of Pearson Airport, saw its revenue rise 13 per cent to \$236,892 for the three months ended June 30, compared with revenue of \$209,496 for the three months last year.

MedX said sales from the

company's therapeutic laser products remain strong, while revenue from its SIAscopy imaging devices showed improvement over the first quarter this year.

On its bottom line, MedX widened its quarterly loss to \$403,631 from red ink of \$310,869 for the 2016 three-month period.

"The quarter over quarter revenue growth in SIAscopy products that we have seen over the last several quarters is very encouraging, and a number of initiatives

including our product development activities, should result in increased revenues going forward," said Rob von der Porten, MedX's CEO.

MedX's SIAscopy technology helps the company build hand-held devices that use light to view up to two millimetres beneath suspicious moles and lesions to help detect skin cancer.

The devices are sold to physicians and clinics and used in pharmacies and remote clinics from where the images are sent to dermatologists who carry out a diagnosis.

Earlier this year, the company finalized a private financing of nearly \$247,000 and struck marketing and partnership deals to grow its business.



Peel lists Top Employers for 2017

by John Valorzi

Municipalities within the Region of Peel have posted their lists of Top Employers for 2017.

(Actual numbers for Mississauga are not available in all cases):

Caledon:

- 1) Husky Injection Molding Systems (1,238)
- 2) MARS Canada Inc. (300)
- 3) Gap Canada Inc. (213)
- 4) Walmart Supercentre - Bolton (200)
- 5) Caledon Town Hall (194)
- 6) Multi Vans (155)
- 7) Sardo Foods (150)
- 8) Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness (141)
- 9) Caledon OPP (140)
- 10) Cavalier Transportation Services Inc. (135)

Brampton (private sec-

tor only):

- 1) Rogers Communications Inc. (5,200)
- 2) FCA Canada (FiatChrysler assembly plant) (3,437)
- 3) Loblaw Cos. Ltd. (3,200)
- 4) Maple Lodge Farms poultry processor (1,800)
- 5) Canadian Tire distribution centre (1,670)
- 6) Performance Auto Group (771)
- 7) Coca-Cola Bottling Co. (745)
- 8) TJX Canada warehouse (700)
- 9) Dynacare Medical Laboratories (700)
- 10) Olymel poultry processor (525)

Mississauga (Listed alphabetically; workforce noted where numbers are available)

- 1) Accenture consulting

firm

- 2) Greater Toronto Airport Authority (1,500)
- 3) Air Canada
- 4) Canada Post Corp. Gateway plant (1,800)
- 5) Cara Operations
- 6) Federal Express Canada
- 7) Peel District School Board
- 8) Peel Regional Police About (approx. 2,800)
- 9) City of Mississauga (5,300)
- 10) RBC Financial Group
- 11) Trillium Health Partners (Credit Valley and Mississauga hospitals)
- 12) The Region of Peel
- 13) Wal-Mart Stores
- 14) University of Toronto Mississauga (2,500 full-/part-time employees)
- 15) Candu Energy (1,400)

Brampton-based Flood crews head for Texas ‘catastrophe’

by **Marco Patrone**

Brampton-based flood crews are headed for Texas to provide disaster relief for devastated victims of Hurricane Harvey.

“We are sending crews down to work in Texas,” said Mike Porco, owner of Brampton Restoration. “You’ll see a lot of devastation.”

Porco will be heading a five-person team heading to the disaster zone and is expecting his company’s efforts in southeast Texas will last 14 days. He expects to find “streets lined with garbage.”

“The most we can do is we haul everything out to the road – get it out of the house so it doesn’t get moldy, just put it out on the road. The cities usually arrange for special garbage pickups. They come in with an arm that

picks up all the garbage on the streets.”

Along with providing labour, Porco will be sending equipment to help in the salvage efforts.

That includes 30 dehumidifiers and 160 fans, “a significant amount of equipment because you can’t even rent it down there, because it’s going to be sold out pretty quick,” Porco said.

It’s not the first time his company has volunteered to work in flood-ravaged disaster zones.

It has provided volunteer relief to residents in South Carolina, Florida, Louisiana and Haiti.

“That’s our standard process that we do when we hear about stuff like that. We have the equipment sitting here and we’re not doing anything with it. We might as well let them use it,” he said.

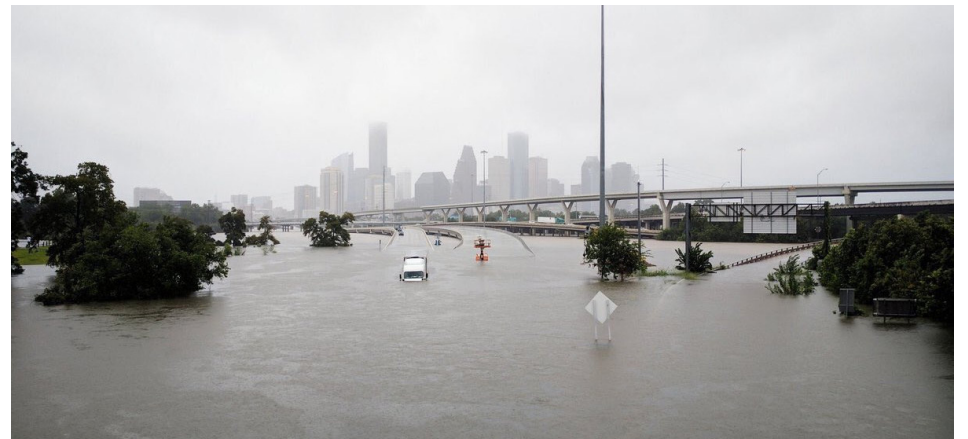
Porco’s companies, which include 911 Restoration, pump out excess water, dry out waterlogged articles and remove debris.

In most of the areas he’s done relief work in, the homes are laid out differently than what is normally seen in Canada.

“Most of them don’t have basements so they’re not like us so they don’t have a bunch of stuff packed into their basements. They don’t have recreation rooms and stuff. They’re just main floor houses so basically everything on their main floor, their kitchens their bedrooms are all trashed.”

The volunteer efforts are critical to many in the flood zone who won’t get the help they need from their insurance company.

“A lot of people have insurance, but the insurance doesn’t pay because it’s a



Local flood crews are making their way towards Houston, Texas as it deals with the effects of Hurricane Harvey, as seen in this photo from Aug. 27. (Photo Courtesy of Twitter)

flood and their policy excluded flood. Houston hasn’t been hit in a long time. They’re not used to it. Places like Florida are used to it, so they carry the coverage. Places like Houston are not used to it because it’s so far inland.”

Porco is expecting to be in Texas by Sunday, Sept. 3. Two two-person crews in different vehicles will meet him

there for two weeks of relief work.

After 14 days, the salvage effort turns to mold-removal and there are state licensing restrictions as to who can do that type of work in Texas.

“As happened before in Louisiana, you’ll see a lot of devastation. People have been wiped right out, so they’re

starting from scratch,” Porco said.

Other Canadian companies offering to help include Montreal-based Resolute Forest Products, which has committed to sending a rail car full of lumber to Houston to help in the rebuilding efforts.

Industrial accident leaves one man dead in Mississauga; Ministry of Labour investigating

by **Alex Gregory**

The Ministry of Labour has been called in to investigate after a worker at a Mississauga company died Saturday due to an industrial accident.

Peel Police report that the cops were called in around 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26 to Honeywell Aerospace, located at Unity and Colonial Drive.

The man was reportedly employed with a different

company, Fencor Hydro Excavation, but was working at Honeywell as a subcontractor at the time of the accident.

Fencor Hydro Excavation is an excavation company that uses pressurized water and high powered vacuum units, while Honeywell is a technology and manufacturing company.

Two men were working on a drain when one of them was struck in the upper body by a high-pressure water hose. Peel Paramed-

ics pronounced the man dead at the scene.

Police report that the victim was 50-years-old.

Ministry investigators were dispatched to the scene afterwards, and have issued requests to Fencor to stay clear of the scene and for Honeywell to release video surveillance footage of the incident.

In a statement released late Monday, a Ministry spokeswoman said that the investigation is ongoing.



EXIT Realty Corp. International gives \$300,000 for Hurricane Harvey relief

Mississauga house seller EXIT Realty Corp. International is giving up part of its real estate commissions to help people in Texas and Louisiana hit hard by hurricane Harvey.

The real estate franchiser, which is headquartered on Argentia Rd. near Highway 401 in northern Mississauga, says it will donate \$300,000 for hurricane Harvey relief.

A portion of every house or condo transaction fee is pledged to its favourite charity.

A donation of \$200,000 from that pledged pool of funds to Habitat for Humanity will be used to build replacement houses for the poor in areas hardest hit by the storm.

In addition, the company has donated a further \$100,000 to the American

Red Cross disaster relief efforts.

“This record-breaking storm has left many families devastated,” said EXIT Realty’s founder and Chairman, Steve Morris. “At times like this our EXIT family rallies to help.”

Exit sells real estate franchises in Canada and the United States. So far it has donated \$3.5 million to Habitat for Humanity.



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Arrows take home Minto Cup in 8-3 final

by **Benedict Rhodes**

The Six Nations Arrows took home the 2017 Minto Cup junior A championship Thursday evening in an 8-3 finish against the Coquitlam Adanacs.

Brampton Memorial Arena was packed to capacity, as more than 1,300 fans crammed the seats to watch the third and final game in the series.

The action kicked off early with a pair of goals from Arrows players Holden Garland and Cody Ward.

The Adanacs quickly rushed to catch up, with John Hofseth, Keenan Koswin and Ethan Ticehurst packing goals into the net.

The Arrows' Austin Staats evened things up in the

second, and then the team quickly pulled away in the third, scoring a whopping five unanswered goals.

Staats scored his second goal of the game, while Owen Hill took home two along with a single from Russ Oakes.

Tyson Bomberry closed out the game, sniping in an unassisted goal with just 45 seconds left.

Amid a jubilant celebration, the Arrows were presented with the Minto Cup and hoisted it proudly for attendees and fellow players.

"After a disappointing year last year, not even making it to the tournament, it's a big deal to us," said Staats, who was awarded the Jim McConaughy MVP Award after the game.

"We wanted to win, and that's what we came out here and did."

Arrows goaltender Doug Jamieson echoed his teammate's thoughts, saying that it was an awesome experience to win. "It was an awesome experience to win in our final year. Going out on top was awesome."

Jamieson was rock solid, stopping 42 of 45 shots he faced.

Coquitlam's Christian Del Bianco faced 57 shots, stopping all but eight.

The perseverance of both teams was phenomenal, said committee member Ron Evans.

"Let's not forget that Coquitlam was the defending champs.

They put up a valiant effort and their goaltender,



Minto Cup Winners the Six Nations Arrows (Photo by Alex Gregory)

Christian Del Bianco, was phenomenal," he said, "but in the end, Six Nations showed from top to bottom that they were the better team."

Saying that the tourna-

ment gets bigger each year, Evans said that 2017 exceeded everyone's expectations.

"I'm not sure if we'll set records for attendance because we have a small ven-

ue but the turnout and support from the community was phenomenal." The Adanacs' Christian Del Bianco also took home the Jim Bishop Award.

Here Come the Beast!

The Brampton Beast open the 2017/18 ECHL season at the Powerade Centre on Sunday, Oct. 15 against the Manchester Monarchs. Game time's 2 p.m.

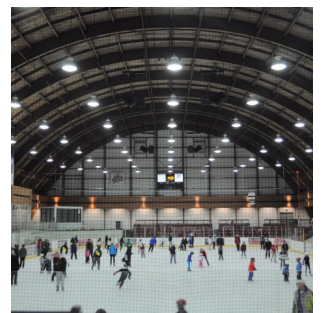
The Monarchs stay in town for a game on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m.



Port Credit Memorial Arena: A Thing of Beauty!

Part of the community for nearly 60 years, Port Credit Arena hosts many programs including Learn to Skate, Ice-Hockey, Public Skating, Summer Lacrosse, Ball Hockey and Roller Blading. It's also home to community hockey associations and skating clubs.

Built in 1959, it overlooks the Credit River at 40 Stavebank Road North. The OJHL's Mississauga Chargers' home opener is Sept. 12th at 7:15 vs the Georgetown Raiders.



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Snider's view

Congratulations Brampton!



Joe Snider
Sports Editor

Community involvement and volunteer support helped to make the 2017 edition of the Minto Cup Junior A lacrosse championship in Brampton a great success.

Throw in the fact the lacrosse was superb and that's a sure-fire recipe for making magical memories.

Doug Luey, Minto cup convenor with the Canadian Lacrosse Association said it best in a talk we had before Tuesday's first game of the final: "Fans were going to see some outstanding talent, the best in the world."

Mind you, most of that came from the Arrows of Six Nations in the three game sweep over Coquitlam, but the skills



from all four teams were on full display throughout. Works of art: play-making, goal scoring and goaltending.

The other two teams were the Mimico Mountaineers and Okotoks Raiders, from Alberta.

Now, last Tuesday night was a steamy one inside old Memorial Arena—no air conditioning—but that only made it more memorable.

A pregame sunshower/downpour had Six Nations players doing a mad dash to the arena entrance.

I jokingly shouted to a couple of the boys "That's good luck!!"

As it turned out they didn't need it.

The Arrows were on target.

Bull's-eye! AKA Sweep!

Well done.

Congratulations to all the boys (from all four teams) and to the coaches.



Specifically Arrows head coach Pat Merrill and Coquitlam's Pat Coyle.

We salute the 2017 Minto Cup champions, the Six Nations Arrows!

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Brewers advance to NBDL Finals



Photo by David Anderson

The semi-finals of the North Dufferin Baseball League senior division wrapped up Saturday with the New Lowell Knights and Bolton Brewers advancing to the championship series set to begin Sept. 9.

The Knights defeated the Clearview Orioles in semi-final action needing five games. New Lowell opened the series with a close 2-1 win only to tie in the second game 2-2. Clear-

view picked up a win in game three 5-2 and the two teams tied again in game four 3-3. New Lowell won the deciding fifth game 3-1 to move on.

In the first round New Lowell swept the Barrie Angels in three games.

Bolton Brewers faced the Aurora Jays in the semi-final round picking up a 7-4 win in the first game. Aurora answered with a 5-4 win in the second game and

Bolton took the series after 2-1 and 9-2 scores in games three and four.

The Brewers beat the Midland Indians in the first round three games to one.

The finals will be a best-of-seven series and will be played on weekends only.

New Lowell is the reigning two-year champion. Bolton last won the championship in 2013 and the four years previous.

Here Come the Steelheads -Training Camp Begins!

by Joe Snider

The Mississauga Steelheads kick off their Training Camp Schedule this week with a variety of on- and off-ice drills, and practice sessions:

(Thursday, Aug. 31)

9:30 a.m.: Players report to Hershey Centre
10 – 10:30 a.m.: All players OFF-ICE training
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.: All players ON-ICE training
3 – 4 p.m.: All players ON-ICE

(Friday, Sept. 1)

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All training camp ON-ICE activities at the Hershey Centre will be open to the media and public. Rosters for the inter-squad scrimmages will be available at the games.

The season kicks off proper in Sept. with the follow-

ing exhibition games:

Saturday, Sept. 2: Home Game vs. Guelph (Hershey Centre – Rink 2 at 7 p.m.)

Monday, Sept. 4: Away Game vs. Guelph (Slee-man Centre at 2 p.m.)

Tuesday, Sept. 5: Away Game vs. Sudbury (Sudbury Community Centre at 7:05 p.m.)

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Home Game vs. Kitchener (Westwood Arena at 7 p.m.)

Varga Joins The Steelheads

The Mississauga Steelheads announce the commitment of forward, Adam Varga, Wednesday morning.

Varga, a product of the Washington Little Capitals, was selected by the Steelheads in the seventh round (121st overall) of the 2017 OHL Priority Selection.

During the 2016-17 season, Varga split time between the Atlantic Youth Hockey League (AYHL) and the North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL).

The Bel Air, Maryland native had 41 points (18

goals and 23 assists) in 28 games in the AYHL, and 32 points (23 goals and 9 assists) in 16 games in the NAPHL. He added 16 points (11 goals and five assists) in six playoff games, leading the U15 Little Capitals to a NAPHL Dixon Cup Championship.

Following a successful inaugural season of the 15U Division, Varga was named to the All-NAPHL 15U First All-Star Team.

"We are thrilled that Adam has committed and will be joining our Steelheads family," said Steelheads' general manager, and head coach, James

Richmond.

"Adam is an elite player who had an impressive season with the Little Capitals. He has continued to impress in the first few days of training camp, and we look forward to seeing him in a Steelheads jersey this season."

Fans will have the opportunity to see Varga and the rest of the Steelheads at two home exhibition games on Saturday night, Sept. 2 (Hershey Centre Rink #2) at 7 and on Wednesday night, Sept. 13 (Westwood Arena) at 7 p.m.

Mississauga Made: Michael & Ryan McLeod talk chemistry, and the season

by **Jonathan Yue**

Playing together with the Toronto Marlboros at the minor midget level was a special experience.

But for brothers Michael and Ryan McLeod, playing together in the Ontario Hockey League is a completely different experience.

"I remember one game playing up with him with the Marlies against the Jr. Canadiens in the finals. He scored a hat trick and I had two assists," recalls Ryan "Playing with him [now], it's really special. We can say whatever we want to each other and it really helps with our chemistry on the ice."

The Mississauga-born McLeod brothers didn't always have the chance to play to-

gether at the OHL level.

After playing together during the 2013-14 with the Toronto Marlboros of the GTHL, older brother, Michael was drafted fifth overall by the Steelheads.

A year later, younger brother Ryan was drafted in the first round, third overall by the Flint Firebirds in the 2015 OHL Priority Selection, before being traded to the Steelheads to join older brother, Michael.

Last season, the Steelheads saw what the two could do together on the same line, as they helped the team capture their first Bobby Orr Trophy as Eastern Conference Champions.

"It was a huge season for the team and organization. It shows the kind of team

we had and the character we had on our team," said Michael, a first-round pick of the New Jersey Devils in the 2016 NHL Draft.

"Playing together on the same line in the playoffs was tones fun, we just knew where each other were on the ice, he's a great skater and can make plays."

The 2016-17 season saw many players on the Steelheads roster better their point totals from the year before. For Michael and Ryan, they finished the season first and second in assists on the team with 46 and 33 assists, respectively.

Even with their success last season, the offseason has been a busy one for the two. After taking part in his second Devils' development

camp in July, Michael then joined Hockey Canada in Plymouth, Mich., for their Summer Showcase.

"I've been working hard all summer and I think I've seen big jumps in my game so it's my goal have the best training camp I can possible and see what happens," Michael says.

Ryan is also making strides in his game as he prepares to enter his draft year. Currently ranked as one of the top prospects for the 2018 NHL Draft, Ryan believes his development is on schedule and will continue to work until he's NHL ready.

"Everything goes a lot faster, so I've been working on my speed a lot, getting stronger with my legs, working in the corners," Ryan



says. "Obviously, I need to work on my shot, putting a lot of work into that, getting that quick release and power."

With all the hard work they've put in this offseason, both Michael and Ryan have high expectations for the team and themselves this coming season. Their sights are set on the Memorial Cup and they believe the confidence they gained in their

run to the OHL finals will take them further this year.

"Losing in the finals last year obviously sucks, but it also brings a lot of character back into the room," Ryan said. "Everyone is hungry and wants to win this year so, I just want to be a top guy on the team and lead the team and take it as far as we can go."

"It's going to be a fun year."

Behind the Scenes with the Brampton Beast

PDN takes a peek behind the curtain this week with the Brampton Beast's Matt O'Reilly.

Q: What's your role with the team?

A: I'm the Group Sales Coordinator. I look for groups of people who I think would enjoy a Beast game and try to make their night an enjoyable one.

Q: How long have you been with the team?

A: This season will be my third with the Beast.

Q: Favourite Beast moment?

A: Brandon MacLean's double overtime game-winner against Reading during the most recent playoff run. It was the biggest jolt of energy I've ever heard inside the Powerade Centre.

Q: Favourite thing about your job?

A: I enjoy being able to be creative and I enjoy

the challenge of trying to fill the arena.

Q: What did you do in school?

A: I attended Brock University from 2011 - 2015 and I studied Sport Management.

Q: Favourite song or artist?

A: I'm enjoying the new songs from Avicii right now. 'Lonely Together' is a great track.

Q: Favourite food?

A: I've always been a huge French Fries guy. Always heavy with the salt and vinegar.

Q: What's your favourite candle scent?

A: Either vanilla or pumpkin. If there's a vanilla-pumpkin scented candle, that would be it.

Q: How many countries have you been to?

A: Let's see. Canada, USA, Mexico, three of the Caribbean islands, Italy,

Spain, Germany, and I'll be adding Scotland to the list next week! Loved Italy the most.

Q: What was your favourite TV show when you were a child?

A: Recess or the Weekenders. Love the camaraderie within the groups. They're good pals.

Q: What did you dress up as on Halloween when you were eight?

A: I dressed up as a dice. I wore this big cardboard box with my legs and arms sticking out of it. It was awesome. I had to hold my trick-or-treat bag straight out for like three hours. I got so sore.

Q: Do you prefer Titanic or The Notebook?

A: Titanic. It's low-key on my top five list.

Q: How many pairs of shoes do you currently own?

A: Including flip flops? What about golf shoes?

Seven, including golf shoes.

Q: Dog or Cat?

A: Dog. They're nice AND cute!

Q: Netflix or YouTube?

A: YouTube all day. I could spend hours on YouTube.

Q: Cake or Pie? Cake.

A: Cake is the BEST dessert.

Q: Football or Basketball?

A: Don't like football. LOVE basketball. OG Anunoby, the Raptors' first round pick this year, is a boss.

Q: Is a hotdog a sandwich?

A: No. The bun comes out from the side. It doesn't separate like a sandwich!

Q: Reading or writing?

A: Reading. I write nothing. I read most nights. I read a lot of different things, but I read a lot of



Matt O'Reilly (Submitted Photo)

history.

Q: Singing or dancing?

A: I'm both, man! If I had to choose just one, I'd dance. I'm a better dancer than I am a singer.

Q: Google or Bing?

A: What's Bing?

Q: Steak or chicken?

A: Steak. Just way juicier and tastier!

Q: TV Shows or movies?

A: Movies. I don't even watch TV shows. I watch one or two movies a week. Just watched a Brad Pitt movie on Saturday night. 3/5 stars for me.

Q: Breakfast or dinner?

A: Breakfast. I'm hungrier at that point of the day. That early in the morning, any meal is great.

Masters runner Dermot Holwell sets the gold standard

by **David Robinson**

Most people who run for fitness have probably heard of the Boston Marathon.

If runners are fast enough and dedicated to the sport, they may even qualify for this prestigious race and complete it.

Sixty-two-year-old mild-mannered accountant and local trucking executive, Dermot Holwell is that kind of runner and has completed this – the grand daddy of all marathons – a total of 27 consecutive times.

Originally a rower from St. John's N.L. Holwell got into running in 1978 and, you guessed it, to keep in shape for rowing. His rowing coach suggested he run a few miles around the rowing lake to build his stamina for competitions.

Lady Luck has always smiled favourably on Holwell because it was around this time that his neighbour Gord Tarrant, a legally blind runner, knocked on his door asking if he would run with him as a guide. Holwell agreed. The first run was seven miles and he was hooked for good.

That was 1978. Holwell did his first marathon in 1981 in St. John's. With that first marathon, he found the thing that would keep his body and



Dermot Holwell at the Streetsville Mile

Submitted photo

soul youthful and happy for years to come. Buoyed with confidence, he piled up over 1,000 miles of trailing in the tough weather conditions of the Rock.

He entered the 1981 Ottawa Marathon and the race day was a scorcher.

Coming from a cold wet place, he wasn't used to the heat. It was a true trial by fire, but Holwell survived. It made him stronger and gave him the confidence to keep going.

Moving to Toronto in 1985 to pursue his accounting career, he spent several years with one of the big accounting firms before joining the trucking industry.

He got married and started a family, but the love of run-

ning never left him.

In 1991, he qualified and entered his first Boston Marathon. An experience he would never forget and one that has become the focus of his training and his life.

Being an accountant, Holwell knows his way around a spreadsheet and is meticulous in keeping a log of his running miles. He has logged every single mile and every single workout he has ever done.

He once logged 2,408 miles in one year and logged over 25,000 miles in the 10 years between 1994 and 2003.

In all, Holwell has completed 72 marathons with a personal best time of two hours and 47 minutes.

This amazing total includes 26 marathons with a time under three hours, certainly a testament to his consistency.

He credits much of his success to an opportunity to train with the late Gord Dixon, an Olympic marathoner and noted running coach from Burlington.

"Gord got me into track work ... and he made me realize that I needed to spend time working on my upper body strength."

"The track work made me faster and tougher and the strength training allowed me to maintain good posture during the later stages of the race," adds Holwell.

Like most athletes, Holwell had to overcome adversity in order to keep doing the sport he loves. In 2008, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and was ordered to have immediate surgery.

With surgery scheduled for Jan. 28, 2008, the prospect of entering the Boston Marathon that year looked bleak; however, he came through with flying colours, and the doctor gave him the green light in March.

Holwell booked his flight to Boston to keep the streak alive. In the seven years that followed his surgery, he recorded some of the best times

ever: A strange unexplainable phenomena that baffles even his doctor.

Somehow prostate surgery made him go faster, certainly a tribute to modern medicine.

Holwell certainly is not without humour. When asked what keeps him going, he quipped, "Beer. Plenty of Cools Light after runs seems to be the ticket," as he smiled and gave me a wink.

So how about diet, Holwell?

"Don't get me started," he responded. "Honestly, I am not a poster boy for a pristine diet. I can say with complete truthfulness that I don't eat vegetables!"

"I have been lucky over the years," he said. "I have never had much in the way of injuries that typically plague runners and I am thankful for that."

In all, Holwell has been running for 39 years and has no plans to hang the running shoes up.

He can be seen training out of Lifetime Fitness in Mississauga on Tuesdays and Saturdays, and he has plans to enter the Dublin Marathon this fall.

Hats off to Dermot Holwell for being able to juggle a career, family and a passion for running.

Chargers Win in O/T

The OJHL's Mississauga Chargers edged the Oakville Blades 4-3 in overtime Thursday night in an exhibition contest at Erin Mills Twin Rinks. Maxwell Routledge scored the winner 19 seconds into the extra period. It was his third goal of the game.

The Chargers open the regular season Sept. 12 at 7:15 at Port Credit arena against the Georgetown Raiders.

MSL Final: Lakers rolling

The Peterborough Century 21 Lakers took a two games to none lead over the Six Nations Chiefs in their Major series Lacrosse final Thursday night with a 9-7 win at home before 3,184 fans. The Lakers and Chiefs met again in Peterborough last night. Check for the final score in today's digital edition.

Rookie standout Willie Corrin returns to the Brampton Beast

by **Joe Snider**

The Brampton Beast, ECHL affiliate of the Montreal Canadiens, have got their standout defenceman and the club's 2016-17 Rookie of the Year Willie Corrin back in the fold.

Corrin has signed a Standard Player Contract to return to the Beast for the 2017-18 season.

Corrin, a 26-year-old International Falls, Minnesota native, was one of

the Beast's top defencemen a season ago, scoring 10 goals and adding 16 assists for 26 points in just 40 games.

Even with a small sample size of games played last season, the 6'1" lefty made the most of his time with the Beast.

Corrin caught fire late in 2016 and recorded a rare four-game goal-scoring streak, starting on Dec. 23, 2016 and ending on January 1, 2017.

Effective at both ends of the ice, Corrin recorded

a stellar plus 12 rating in his 40 games with the Beast but also proved himself to be a clutch offensive performer as well.

Corrin netted two game-winning goals in 2016-17, including a huge overtime winner against the Kalamazoo Wings on Jan. 13, 2017.

His two game-winners tied him with Jordan Henry for the most among Beast defensemen.

His eye-opening offen-



Willie Corrin

Photo courtesy of Brampton Beast

sive numbers more than held their own compared to the rest of the ECHL.

His 10 goals scored put him in a tie for sixth in ECHL rookie defense

scoring and his 26 points place him among the top 20 rookie rearguards.

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group's information in the paper for FREE.

Summer series finale at Garden Square

The City of Brampton wraps up its summer season this weekend with a star-studded free-concert, which will take place Friday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. in Garden Square.

The concert is part of the ONtour series, which have marked Ontario's 150th anniversary and celebrated the province of Ontario.

This weekend's concert will feature live performances from a number of well-known artists, including Amanda Marshall, Kardinal Offishall, JoSH the BaND and Anjulie.

More than 20,000 Bramp-

tonians enjoyed many of the 75 free outdoor cultural events that took place in the Square this summer, ranging from movie nights to the popular Friday Night Live Series, which has featured some of Brampton's most exciting up-and-coming musical talents in a double-bill with other musicians from across the GTA and beyond.

This ONtour performance marks the summer's grand finale to the Friday Night Live Series, but the Saturday Night Movies, the Downtown Farmers' Market and Blue Jays Sundays are ongoing in Garden

Square through Thanksgiving, so keep summer alive and lawn chairs unpacked until then.

10 p.m.
Amanda Marshall
Recognized as one of Canada's most accomplished

musical talents, Amanda Marshall's debut album is one of only 18 Canadian albums to reach certified Diamond status—selling over six million copies worldwide to date.

8:45 p.m.
Kardinal Offishall



Incredibly original and widely received, this accomplished Torontonians has trekked the globe, performing in the most acclaimed venues. With a musical career spanning nearly three decades, he has lent rap vocals to known artists like Akon, Lady Gaga and fellow homeboy, Drake.

8 p.m.
JoSH the Band

Canadian Bhangra music group JoSH, comprised of members Rup and Q, has been producing, writing, and singing hit songs for over a decade and have performed in more than 25

countries.

They have released four chart-topping albums selling more than two million records worldwide.

7:15 p.m.
Anjulie

Anjulie's vivid storytelling make this Toronto-born singer, songwriter and performer relevant to the international music scene.

Note: The following road closures will be in effect on Friday, Sept. 1 from 6 p.m. to Saturday, Sept. 2 at 12 a.m.: Main Street from John Street to Nelson Street, and Queen Street from George Street to Theatre Lane.

Art Gallery of Mississauga launches new fall exhibitions

The AGM is thrilled to present three new exhibitions for fall, which will be running from Sept. 7 - Oct. 22!

walking across, talking through

"walking across, talking through" presents the work of artists who examine the personal narratives and relationships to both land and nation that are inextricably tied to the act of moving from one place to another. These stories, which can be

traumatic or triumphant, ubiquitous and yet often not shared, allow us to find common ground, and reach across and through histories and politics.

Border Crossing: A Community Engagement Lab

Border Crossings is an interactive community engagement lab, in which visitors are invited to share their stories and experiences with crossing borders - physical and metaphorical;

geographical, linguistic, spiritual and personal.

Animated by activity stations, workshops, and community-built installations and facilitated by the AGM's Community Activator Sharada Eswar and artist Sonja Rainey, Border Crossings is a space for forging connections and sharing experiences across the diverse communities that make up Mississauga.

Hiba Abdallah: Souvenir Shop

In an exhibition that resembles a shop, Hiba Abdallah explores the question: how do we define a city?

An artist who frequently works in conceptual and text-based practices, in Souvenir Shop Abdallah investigates the connections between ethnic diversity and commercial enterprise in the public consciousness

of Mississauga.

Highlights from the Permanent Collection: Transcending Signs

The artists in this Permanent Collection activation utilize the strategies of humour and satire to explore the complexities of the diasporic experience and its implications for identity formation.

Featuring works by Ken Lum and Panchal Mansaram, Transcending Signs explores the flattening of identity experienced in the contemporary context, in relation to instances of stereotype and the world of advertising.

An opening reception will be held for the exhibitons on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 6 - 9 p.m.

For more information, visit www.artgalleryofmississauga.ca.

VAM to host Art in the Park this September

by Alex Gregory

Art and nature will be celebrated in the heart of the city during the 27th annual Art in the Park, hosted by Visual Arts Mississauga, on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The art group's signature event, which takes place at the Riverwood Conservancy, features over 40 artists, live entertainment, activities, food and much more.

Artists and artisans appearing at the show will be selling their original works, which include paintings, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, clothing and more.

New this year is a free Art-Making Activity class. Participants of all ages are asked to bring recycled or new t-shirts and try their hand at printmaking. This activity will be guided by instructors from VAM.

Art in the Park will also include a meet-and-greet

featuring Our Space an interactive puppetry show for children and adults alike created by Steven Botelho.

The event attracts hundreds of visitors each year, said VAM executive director Annis Karpenko. "We're pleased to welcome a stellar roster of Mississauga's finest artists ... we invite everyone for a day of art, music, food and fun."

The event will run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Riverwood, located at 4170 Riverwood Park Ln. in Mississauga. Admission is free.

Additional parking is available at the Erindale GO Station on Rathburn Road West at Creditview Road.

For more information, call VAM at 905-277-4313 or visit www.visualartsmississauga.com.

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The Great Trail celebrations– Caledon beginnings

The Trans Canada Trail (TCT), with support from Canadian Heritage, is connected to the Great Trail and the country for a grand celebration on Aug. 26, 2017. Communities across Canada celebrated the full connection of The Great Trail and Canada's 150th on the same date.

"Caledon is known for our beautiful and expansive natural features," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "The Trans Canada Trail is a treasured part of our trail network that connects our communities to the rest of Canada."

The foundation for the TCT was first laid in Caledon, in 1995, when the Caledon Trailway was de-

clared the first official segment of the national trail. The following year, the first pavilion of the TCT was built in Caledon East.

"We are, understandably, very proud to be a part of this amazing milestone," said Mayor Thompson.

Caledon's celebrations included bike rides starting from Palgrave and Inglewood Stationland Parks.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the pavilion refurbishing that has started, followed by the unveiling of a commemorative stone that recognizes the hard work and commitment of volunteers, partners and stakeholders who have created a trail that connects Canada, from

coast to coast to coast.

The Trans Canada Trail began as a bold dream in 1992: the idea of creating a trail that would be a gift from Canadians to Canadians. Since then, the TCT, a not-for-profit organization, has been working with donors, partners, governments and volunteers to create

The Great Trail. This epic "trail of trails" offers a wide range of outdoor experiences on both land and water routes.

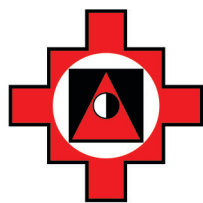
TCT's goal is to have The Great Trail connected from coast to coast to coast in 2017, for Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation celebrations.



Above right: Former Caledon Mayor Marolyn Morrison, Caledon's current Mayor Allan Thompson, former Caledon Mayor Emil Kolb and former Caledon Mayor Carol Seglins, cut the ribbon at the unveiling of the new Caledon East Trans Canada Trail Pavilion on the weekend.

Right: Walking along the trail – We see the Town crier leading the way as the former and current mayor walk along the trail from Town Hall to the Caledon East pavilion.

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5 Ways to Connect with the City of Mississauga

The City has tons of information to help local residents live, work and play in Mississauga. Here are five ways to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the city.

1) Download the Pingstreet App

Connecting to the City just got a lot easier with Pingstreet - a free mobile app that provides relevant information to you in one place.

Pingstreet lets you request a temporary parking permit for a residential street or report a problem right from your smartphone or tablet. Download the app for free at the Apple Store, Google Play, BlackBerry World, and Windows Phone Store.

2) Go to a Council meeting

If you want to learn more about what decisions are being made in Mississauga, head to a Council meet-

ing. City Council meets on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at City Hall to talk about key issues.

All meetings are open to the public and are also streamed live for those who can't make it.

3) Follow social media: Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

If you're a social media user, follow the City on Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn to stay updated and learn more about cool events, interesting facts and

even job opportunities. This is an easy way to learn more and interact with the City.

4) Call 3-1-1

Do you have a question about parking permits, licensing your pet or paying your property tax?

3-1-1 is a non-emergency phone number that connects residents to responsive, seamless and easily accessible customer service. The 3-1-1 Citizen Contact Centre will be able to provide answers about City services, programs and in-

formation from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday.

5) Sign up for the eNewsletter

For those who prefer to use email, subscribing to the City's newsletter is the perfect way to learn more about upcoming events, programs or key issues happening in the city.

The newsletter is sent out once a month. To sign up, visit: mississauga.ca/keepmeposted.



Mississauga libraries commemorate anniversaries with milestone celebrations

Two Mississauga libraries will also be celebrating their milestone anniversaries.

The Churchill Meadows Library & Activity Centre will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Residents are invited for a day full of fun, including an official ceremony and family-friendly activities for all ages.

Ward 10 Councillor Sue McFadden, Members of Council, the Mississauga Public Library Board, dignitaries and special guests will be on-hand to commemorate the anniversary.

Activities will run from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Free parking will also be available at the facility.

Churchill Meadows Library is located at 3801 Thomas Street.

For more information, visit activenow.ca/churchillmeadows or call (905) 615-4735.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, Streetsville Library will celebrate its 50th anniversary, commemorating its opening in 1967.

The event is part of the official Canada 150 celebrations in Mississauga, and will include activities and speeches from past and present library volunteers on the heritage of the site.

Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Members of Council of the City of Mississauga and the Mississauga Public Library Board will also be on-hand to celebrate.

The official ceremony begins at 2 p.m. Family-friendly activities will run from 1 - 4 p.m.

Streetsville Library is located at 112 Queen Street South. Limited parking is available at the Library. Additional parking is available on and around Queen St. South.

For more information, visit mississauga.ca/library or call (905) 615-4785.

Cricket season winds down, teams heading toward championship



Mississauga Residents Bike for Canada 150



Mississauga did it! As part of a Canada 150 challenge from the City of Mississauga, residents rode their bikes, logged kilometres and reached the goal of 150,000 kilometres to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. The challenge started on June 29, 2017 and will be continuing until September 17, 2017. For every 150 kilometres that participants rode and logged, the City will reward riders by planting over 1,000 trees and inviting them to a tree planting to thank them for cycling and contributing towards the community goal. For more information about the challenge, visit mississaugabikes.ca.

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Registering your child for school? Make sure you have documents in order

Peel District School Board

Here's what you need to know about registering your child for school in the Peel District School Board (PDSB).

Who can attend?

The Peel board serves children age four and older.

About PDBS schools

Peel has more than 253 elementary and secondary schools.

You can find the name and location of your local school by calling the PDSB Planning and Accommodation department at 905-890-1010 or 1-800-668-1146, extension 2212.

Where to register

If your family is new to Canada, your child may need an orientation interview to register for school.

To assist you with registration, PDBS offers three Welcome Centres.

Please call 905-366-8791 to talk to PDSB staff and book your appointment.

There is no fee for registration.

Documents to take to registration

- Proof of child's age
- Canadian birth certificate
- Canadian passport
- citizenship card/certificate
- Permanent Resident Card
- Record of Landing
- confirmation of permanent residence
- work permit
- refugee permit

Proof of address

- purchase agreement
- utility bill
- bank statement/client



Photos courtesy of PDSB

slip (directly from financial institution)

- credit card statement
- federal government forms (e.g. Social Insurance Number, Service Canada documents)
- Ontario driver's license

Proof of custody: children must live with their parent(s) unless provided documentation supports an alternate living arrangement.

Proof of immunization: proof that your child has been immunized/vaccinated.

Missing documents?

If you are missing some documents, you can still visit the We Welcome the World Centres, and PDSB staff will help you with all registration requirements.

Your child's first day of school

Once the orientation interview is complete, you will get an appointment card with the date your child can start school.

Please take this card with you on your child's first day, so that he or she can receive a new school schedule to complete the registration process.

International students

International students attend the Peel Schools for International Students currently housed at Applewood Heights,



Clarkson Secondary School and Harold M. Brathwaite.

The schools provide a unique, world-class program that integrates students from around world into the dynamic and welcoming learning environment.

International students interested in the PDSB program should visit www.peelschools.org/international or call 1-800-668-1179 ext. 2638.

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Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Parents can register their child for the upcoming school year and/or semester (secondary) at any time during the school year (September-June).

Kindergarten registration takes place in January, but all elementary schools will continue to accept new registrations after this date. Schools will be open one week prior to the beginning of the school year for registering students who moved to the area during the summer months. Please call your local school in advance to confirm office hours and registration requirements.

Elementary admissions are open to Catholic children and children of Catholic parents. Kindergarten students must be at least four years of age by Dec. 31 of the school year for which they are registering. Under the provincially legislated Open Access policy, students of all faiths may attend Dufferin-Peel Catholic secondary schools, subject to the board's admissions requirements.

To find out which Catholic school is in your area, use the GeoQuery tool on the Student Transportation of Peel Region website or contact the Planning Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24440.

Parents/guardians are to register their child in person at their designated Catholic school. The following documents are required for registration:

- Registration Form
- Proof of age of the child: birth certificate or passport
- Original Roman Catholic baptismal certificate for child and/or parent/guardian. Includes baptismal certificates from an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome. If the child has not been bap-



tized, and the parent/guardian is a baptized Roman Catholic or has been baptized in an Eastern Church in full communion with the Holy See of Rome, the parent/guardian must bring their original baptismal certificate.

•Updated immunization records: immunization card, Peel Health Form or Letter of Exemption.

•Proof of Canadian citizenship: birth certificate, passport or permanent resident status.

•Proof of home address: two of the following: property tax bill, current utility bill, real estate document or Government of Canada issued forms.

On a case-by-case basis, consideration for any special circumstance shall go through the respective Superintendent or Admissions Officer.

If the lease agreement is the sole documentation and not a standard lease form, it should be notarized/Commissioner of Oath.

•Emergency rural address numbers

For identifying your property, if applicable.

•Proof of English Separate School Support: may be done at the time of registration by completing an Application for the Direction of School Support and/or a Separate School Lease Agreement available at the school. Learn More: Support Catholic Education.

Education records (if available)

•All documentation must

be submitted in English.

•All original documents are required.

NEW! – Online Registration Form

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board is launching an online registration form for elementary and secondary school registration. Currently this new form is offered for registration for the following schools: St. Albert of Jerusalem, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Richard, Ven. Michael J. McGivney, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel S.S. and St. Marguerite d'Youville S.S. More Information

New to Canada

Admission for all non-Canadian, non-landed citizens, including refugee claimants, international students and students on study permits and parental work permits, must be done on an individual basis.

Please contact the DP-CDSB Admissions Department at 905-890-1221 for an appointment to determine eligibility to attend Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools.

International Students

DPCDSB accepts applications from international students who wish to study in its elementary and secondary schools. For more information about its International Student Program and the application process, visit the DPCDSB International Students webpage.

For more information about admissions and requirements, parents/guardians should contact their local Catholic school or the Admissions Department at 905-890-0708 ext. 24512 or 24519 or 24511.

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Armagh House helms successful back-to-school drive

by **Emily Misk**

Back to school can be a very exciting time for children and parents alike. Whether it is new clothing, a change from summer to autumn, new friends, classes or activities. This transition however can also be a difficult one for children and families of abuse. Armagh House, located within Peel, has once again has put forth an effort to ease this difficult transition for these families in need by organizing a back to school drive.

Armagh House provides women and their children with the best possible opportunity to overcome the devastating effects of abuse. Armagh is the only second-stage—transitional supportive housing program serving this unique population within the Region of Peel.

It offers a safe and supportive environment for women with or without children for up to one year, helping them make plans for independent living. Families arrive at Armagh in fragile condition with few personal posses-

sions. These are women and children who need extra care and time to help them gain the confidence and skills that will empower them to succeed in a new life here.

Armagh extends a warm welcome in a safe environment, anticipating the needs of each new family by equipping the self-contained apartment with the basics that will help the families start a new life here.

Peel Daily News was invited to Car Pride Auto Spa by Tara Monks Community Development Coordinator at Armagh House to witness the massive collection of school supplies for these families in need.

It was there PDN helped load the massive amount of supplies from the Car Pride Auto Spa employees and their clients into the vehicle. Carlo Sabucco, owner of Sil's Auto Centre could barely shut his trunk door upon showing up to the event from all the donations he received from his staff and customers however he assured us the rest of the donations he could make fit.

Once the supplies were



Photo from left to right: Carlo Sabucco, Owner, Sil's Auto Centre, Tara Monks, Armagh, Melinda Prain, manager, Car Pride Auto Spa.

loaded and as promised fit into the car Sabucco presented Monks and Armagh House with a cheque to further help these families in need.

Monks explained, "The supplies collected are distributed directly to the children that currently reside at Armagh. Additional supplies are stored at Armagh for students to access throughout the year for school projects.

In addition, school supplies are provided to children that move into Armagh throughout the year.

All students that reside

with Armagh attend schools within Peel Region."

Armagh would like to thank the staff and customers of Sil's Auto Centre, Car Pride Auto Spa and all contributors to the success of its 2017 Back To School Campaign. The kindness and generosity will help ensure that the children of Armagh are ready to succeed at school this fall.

Armagh's next event in the pipeline happens in November. Armagh's Expressive Art Therapy Exhibit titled, "How Art Helps Me Heal" will be held on Saturday Nov. 25, 2017, which is also the International Day for



the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Monks said "November is also the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence that concludes on the National Day of Remembrance, which commemorates 14 young women whose lives ended in an act of gender-based violence while studying at L'Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal." The event will run from 1 p.m. to 4 pm at the Harding Waterfront Estate.

The Expressive Art Therapy Exhibit will contain works of art created by the women and children who reside at Armagh. Each art piece will display a description outlining the meaning behind the art and describe how the artwork helped them heal and recover from the devastating effects of abuse.

This will be an event to

raise funds needed to continue the art therapy program at Armagh for another year. Participants will also be able to create a small work of art with the art therapists and enjoy some light refreshments. There will be a nominal fee to enter the exhibit.

Although the back to school drive had ended Aug. 18, anyone wishing to make a financial donation towards helping the women and youth of Armagh may do so by donating on-line at www.armaghhouse.ca.

Any donations of \$20 plus will receive a tax receipt.

Visit www.armaghhouse.ca to learn more about Armagh House, how you may help and join its mailing list: email Tara Monks, the community development coordinator tara.armagh@rogers.com.

Keep students safe in school parking lots

Many elementary schools offer a Kiss N' Ride program, where parents/guardians can drop off and pick up their children at a designated area on school property.

The program was established to provide a convenient and safe option for Peel District School Board (PDSB) students and parents driving to school. To ensure the safety of staff and students, PDSB asks all parents/guardians be mindful of the following guidelines:

- There is no parking and no waiting in the Kiss N' Ride lane.
- Pay attention to the traffic in front of you and pull forward as cars move forward.



If you choose to park in the parking lot, please escort your child to or from the nearest foot patroller and use the main crosswalk.

- Vehicles entering the Kiss N' Ride lane must stay in the designated lane, unless otherwise directed by a staff member or volunteer.
- The Kiss N' Ride program is only available to students who are able to disembark independently.

- Have your child ready to exit the car when you reach the curb. Students may only exit from the passenger (right) side of the vehicle.

- After picking up or dropping off your child, leave promptly so that others can get in behind you.

- If your child is not waiting for you at the main crosswalk at the end of the day, please circle the parking lot if permitted and rejoin the line or park in a designated parking space to wait.

- Always respect traffic flow and abide all traffic laws and signs.

- Ask your child's teacher or principal to learn more about our school's specific Kiss N' Ride procedures.

-PDSB

Authors discuss life, work and process at Chapters Brampton

Five novelists discussed their latest books, the processes to write them, and other pressing questions from readers and writers at the Young Adult Extravaganza held at Chapters Brampton on Aug. 26.

Elly Blake, Traci Chee, E.K. "Kate" Johnston, Tara Sim, and Sarah Tolcser were moderated by F.M. "Faith" Boughan, who is also a young adult author.

Before the panel even started, fans and book bloggers quickly filled the seats, while other readers stood or claimed spots on the floor in order to settle for the panel discussion. Fandom was on high alert as readers conversed and exchanged book recommendations, explain-

ing why or why not a book worked for them.

Each guest author summarized her latest work - Blake's *Frost Blood*, Chee's *The Reader*, Johnston's *Spindle*, Sim's *Time Keeper*, and Tolcser's *Song of the Current* - and then answered a lightning round of

pressing but fun questions to warm up the room.

Authors were open to answering the most specific questions, like which characters authors related to, or the more personal ones, like how to maintain a work/life balance.



Mentors make a difference for student success

Since 1967, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel has provided mentoring and supportive relationships for youth aged six to 17 to help inspire and empower them to reach their full potential.

Serving as role models, mentors teach by example the importance of giving and giving back, of staying in school and of having respect for family, peers and community.

There are currently 12 different mentoring programs for youth to participate in that vary from one to one mentoring friendships to group mentoring as well as community based and school based settings.

Having a positive role model can encourage a child to take on things they would have never thought possible or to learn a new skill.

If children are nervous about back to school, changing grades, homework, new teachers, and/

or peer pressure, mentors can act as a source of comfort and advice in these situations and help to ease their stress. There are many benefits seen in the youth involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs including: increased confidence and self-esteem, improved relationships with family and peers, improved social skills, a more positive attitude towards school and youth who have mentors are also less likely to use drugs or alcohol.

School based programs that are offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters include programs such as In-School Mentoring where a mentor meets a child for one hour per week on school property during school hours to share in fun activities such as playing board games, doing crafts or playing sports. The result is that the students in these mentoring relationships have increased self-esteem, look forward to coming



to school and in turn have improved grades.

Others school based programs offered are Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, which

is a program for girls in Grades 7 to 8.

This program curriculum promotes active living, healthy eating and positive self-esteem.



Female mentors who are between the ages of 18 to 25 lead the fun and interactive sessions over seven weeks.

For boys, there is Game On! Eat Smart, Play Smart, Live Smart which is a school-based program for boys ages 11 to 14. This program provides young men with the information and support to make informed choices about healthy living through physical activities, healthy eating and facilitated discussion. Male mentors lead these interactive sessions at school, during school hours over the course of seven weeks.

Volunteers are always in need and time commitments vary anywhere



from two hours a month in the Big Bunch program, to one hour a week in the In-School Mentoring program or three to four hours every week in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Program.



To volunteer or refer a child to one of Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program please call 905-457-7288 or visit www.bbbspeel.com.

Article and photos courtesy of Big Brothers Big Sisters Peel

Schools use many strategies to keep children safe

Peel schools provide a safe environment for staff and students to work and learn. The board has many procedures to ensure safety. To keep students safe, schools use many strategies including:

- Requiring all parents and visitors to check in at the main office and obtain visitor passes
- The use of a “buddy system”: students can only leave the classroom if accompanied by another student (for example, going to the washroom)
- Assigning teachers to supervise inside and outside the school during recesses, before and after school

- Locking all exteriors doors, including the main entrance, during school hours [elementary schools only]
 - Encouraging staff to regularly review street-proofing skills with students
 - Expecting staff and students to report unidentified individuals to the office immediately
 - Holding fire drills and “lockdown” rehearsals
 - Having evacuation plans in place
 - Ensuring that all staff and volunteers have up-to-date criminal record checks
 - Working with the police to provide education on street-proofing
- PDSB feels that it is im-



portant that you also take this opportunity to review safe procedures with your child. Peel Regional Police have provided the following safety guidelines:

- Tell your children to never go anywhere with a stranger, not to talk to

strangers and never take anything from them. You also have to teach them what a “safe stranger” is in case they need help. A safe stranger includes a police officer, a cashier, a firefighter.

- Develop a “what if” game

for children to get them thinking about how they would respond if they felt threatened or afraid.

- Know who your children play with and where they go. This includes keeping a list of their friend’s addresses and phone numbers.
- Do not leave your child in unsupervised locations, such as cars, parks, public washrooms, arenas, malls and plazas, etc.
- Teach your children where and how to get help. Go with them on their regularly travelled routes.
- Your child’s body is private. Tell your children that no one may touch the area their bathing suit

covers. If someone tries to touch them, they should tell you immediately.

- Teach your children to talk to you immediately when someone does anything that makes them feel strange or uncomfortable.

Listen when your children are trying to tell you about something that bothers them and provide them with support and understanding.

For more information about safety at your school, review your school handbook or speak to your principal or teacher.

-PDSB

Head back to school with the Brampton Library

Whether you are a student or simply want to learn something new because September is the unofficial start to the new year, Brampton Library has the perfect solution: your own membership card.

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New Catholic elementary school to open in Brampton this fall



On Sept. 5, summer vacation ends for over 81,000 Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board students, as the 2017-18 school year gets underway at the Board's 149 schools.

This year, Dufferin-Peel will open a new elementary school located at 120 Veterans Drive in Brampton. St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Elementary School is a 60,320 square foot facility that can accommodate up to 553 students and features a

two room childcare centre to accommodate toddlers and preschoolers.

Staff and students will celebrate the official opening of the school on Sept. 5 with a ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

The Board will also break ground this year on two additional new elementary schools in the Town of Caledon and Brampton. The new schools (name to be determined) will open in September 2018.

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Dufferin-Peel Catholic secondary schools to hold public information sessions for Grade 8 students and parents

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will hold a series of public information sessions for Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians interested in enrolling in a Dufferin-Peel Catholic secondary school for the 2018-19 school year.

These secondary information sessions are intended to provide parents and guardians with an overview of the programs and services offered at Dufferin-Peel secondary schools.

These sessions also provide Grade 8 students with an opportunity to tour the school and talk to current students about the transition into high school.

Currently, Dufferin-Peel



operates 26 Catholic secondary schools in Mississauga, Brampton, Bolton and Caledon.

These schools continue to be recognized among the top performing schools in the province each year. With over 46 Specialist High Skills

Major programs, three regional Arts programs, one regional Sports program, two International Baccalaureate programmes and one Pre-IB programme, two regional Advanced Placement programs, Extended French and Career Path

programs, and the only publically funded All-Girls secondary school in the region, Dufferin-Peel Catholic schools offer students a variety of learning options to suit their individual education goals.

Dufferin-Peel's secondary school public information sessions will take place throughout October and November.

A schedule of the Secondary School Information Sessions will be available on the board website in September.

For more information about the information sessions, parents/guardians should contact their local school directly.

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Get involved in your child's education



Research shows parent involvement positively affects student success. Becoming more involved brings many benefits. You will get to know teachers, the principal and other parents better. You will be able to share your talents, experiences and ideas. You will inspire youth—and be inspired by them. You will show your child how much you value education. You will gain insights that can help you to boost your child's learning. And you

could develop skills and knowledge that can help you in your own career.

There are many ways to be involved. Attending the Peel District School Board's annual parent conference, volunteering at your child's school, talking to your teen about their school day and reading with your child at night are all forms of parent involvement. Visit www.peelschools.org/parents/involved to learn more.

Peel students being welcomed back with orientation events

More than 400 high school students and families new to Peel Region will attend a one-day World of Welcome (WOW) orientation between Aug. 28 and Aug. 31. The orientation, held across 17 schools in Mississauga and Brampton, will help students with their transition and prepare them for school in September.

Over 50 multilingual school settlement workers from the board's five partner community agencies will work together with teachers and peer leaders to organize the events in schools.

On orientation day, students participate in group activities that allow them to explore the school, make new friends, and learn about the various services and programs available to them.

The WOW orientation is an excellent resource for secondary school students and their families who are new to Peel, says facilitator Nala Moorthy.

"It connects them with students and staff, familiarizes them with Ontario's education system, and school routines."

The orientation will be held on designated days at each participating school, including:

Thursday, Aug. 31
Applewood Heights (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
Fletcher's Meadow (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
Glenforest (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
Harold M. Brathwaite (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
Lincoln Alexander (8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
Mississauga Secondary (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
Rick Hansen (9 a.m. – 3:30



p.m.)
Stephen Lewis (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Tuesday, Sept. 12
Castlebrooke (9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

The WOW orientation is funded through the We Welcome the World initiative by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

Newcomer high school students who have completed their registration through

the Peel board's We Welcome the World Centres are eligible to participate.

The Peel board's We Welcome the World Centres are currently open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for 2017-18 school year registration and assessments.

For more information, visit www.peelschools.org/newtopeel/register.

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- eating or drinking
- caring for someone in your home who can easily get sick (baby, elderly or someone who has an unhealthy immune system)
- first aid

Clean your hands after:

- touching pets or other animals
- touching raw meat, par-

ticularly chicken

- touching surfaces such as a railing or grocery cart
- touching money
- touching objects sick people have touched
- touching blood or body fluids such as urine, vomit or feces
- contact with those who have a cold, the flu, diarrhea or virus of any kind
- changing diapers
- wiping your own or a child's nose
- sneezing or coughing
- using a facial tissue
- using the washroom
- removing gloves
- cleaning
- gardening

What to do when you cough or sneeze:

- cover your mouth and



nose with a tissue or your sleeve

- put used tissues in the wastebasket
- clean your hands with soap and water or a hand sanitizer

For more information call Peel Health at 905-799-7700 or visit www.peelregion.ca/flu.

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How to prevent litter at school

Did you know that litter is a safety hazard, discourages development, lowers property values and costs money?

According to the Region of Peel, litter can attract animals and insects, harm pets and serve as a breeding ground for disease.

Here are some tips for reducing waste at school:

Provide your child with a litter-less lunch which could contain:

- refillable water bottle
- returnable, reusable or refillable drink containers instead of plastic bottles and cans
- snacks and sandwiches stored in plastic containers
- fruit that requires no wrap such as bananas, apples, oranges

- Put trash in the appropriate container.



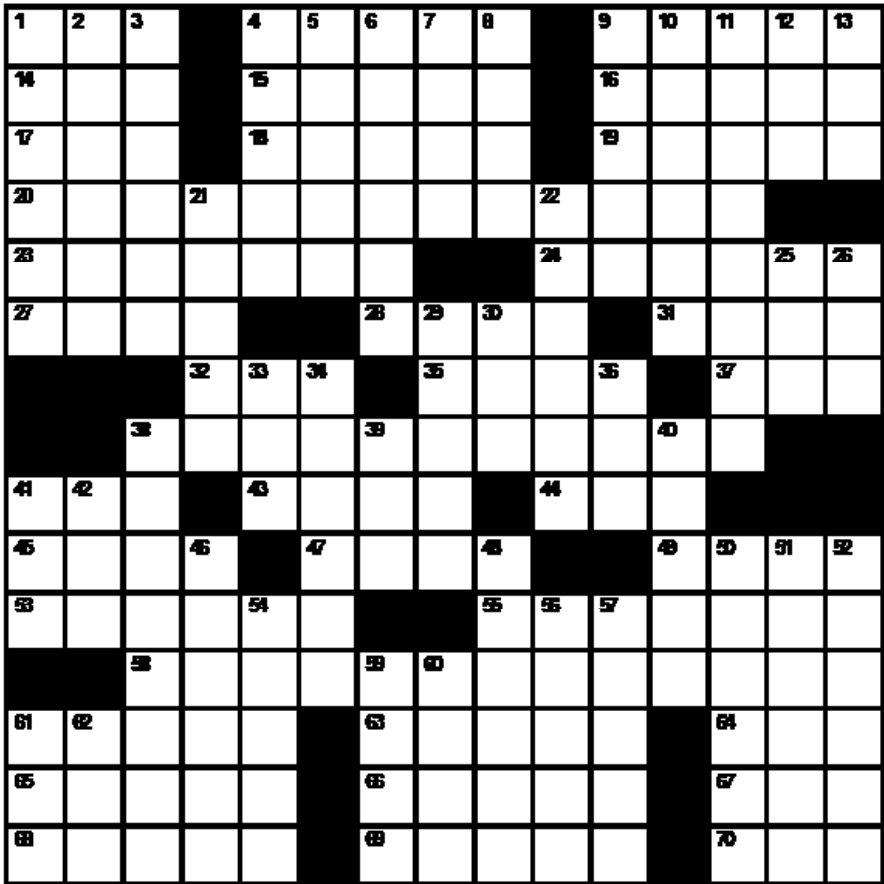
If a recycling bin isn't available, ask where you can find one and hold on to garbage until you can dispose of it properly.

- Reduce and reuse as much as you can before you recycle.
- Reuse plastic bags, the other side of a sheet of paper etc.
- If you see litter, pick it up.
- Set a good example.
- Don't be a litterbug.
- Take part in neighbourhood cleanups—litter prevention requires the community to work together.

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PDN Crossword

Puzzle by Myles Mellor



Across

- 1. Approx. touchdown time
- 4. Pivoted
- 9. Motionless
- 14. Lamb cut
- 15. Dispatch
- 16. West Point newbie
- 17. Sheet material
- 18. George Peppard's show
- 19. Like smooth-running machines
- 20. "The sky is falling" critter
- 23. Kind of current
- 24. Really hard to hum along to
- 27. Dictionary, often
- 28. Gull kin
- 31. Fix up
- 32. France/Switzerland's ____ Leman
- 35. Volvo or VW
- 37. She-pig
- 38. Breakfast treat
- 41. It gives a hoot
- 43. Branch headquarters?
- 44. Stout relative
- 45. Programme airer, with "the"

- 47. Knit shirt
- 49. Carry the pigskin
- 53. Unmoved
- 55. Purplish tint
- 58. They come from Dominos
- 61. Might for Shakespeare
- 63. Major parties
- 64. "--- a deal"
- 65. Skin cream additives
- 66. Put in office
- 67. Start to lover
- 68. King Abdullah, e.g.
- 69. Fills completely
- 70. "Now do you believe me?"

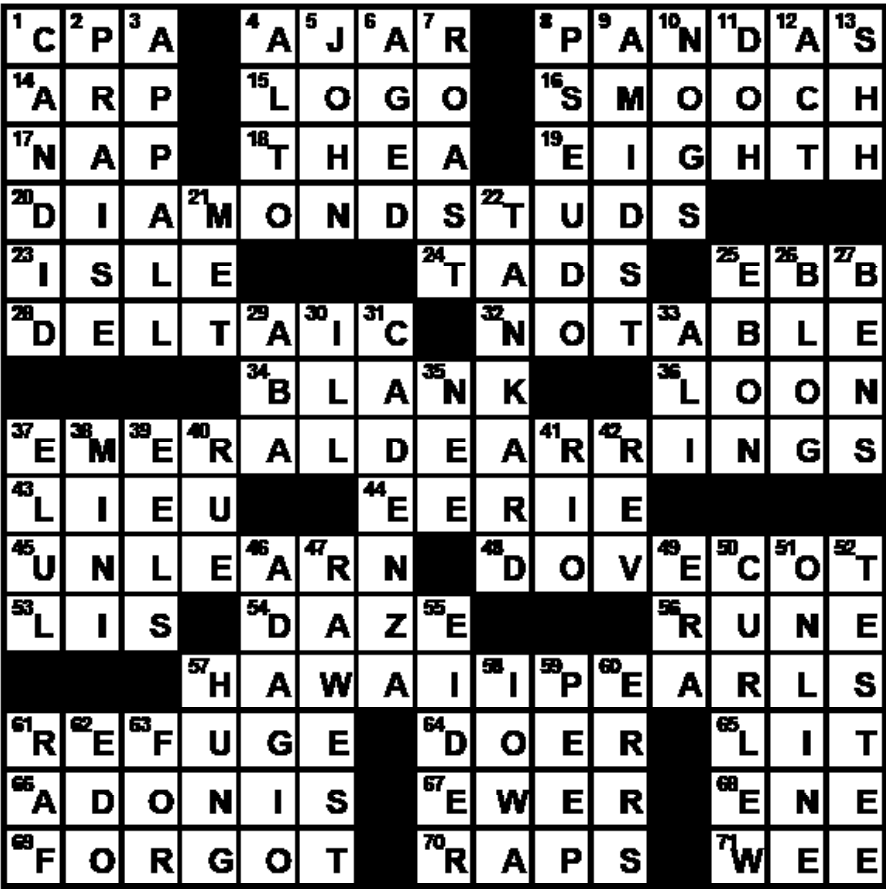
Down

- 1. Bring forth
- 2. Dance music originating in Detroit
- 3. Prejudice of a sort
- 4. Cylindrical military cap
- 5. Parting word
- 6. Pre internet communication system
- 7. And so on
- 8. "Ghost" star, Moore
- 9. "Ivanhoe" writer
- 10. Suit worker
- 11. Lazy quality

- 12. Jerry Lewis's middle name
- 13. Inc., in Inverness
- 21. Lobster claw, e.g.
- 22. Philosophy that influenced Buddhism
- 25. Noisy commotion
- 26. Pitch position
- 29. Flip chart supporter
- 30. Same old routine
- 33. One way to earn an Emmy
- 34. Habeas ____
- 36. Content of some barrels
- 38. "Gesundheit!"
- 39. "The Matrix" hero
- 40. Hilton first name
- 41. Madame Butterfly often tied one on
- 42. Harmless cyst
- 46. Influenced
- 48. Breakfast food
- 50. Opens, as a jacket
- 51. Donatello specialty
- 52. Pain in the neck
- 54. People of Rwanda
- 56. With some urgency
- 57. Essential points
- 59. Generations
- 60. Big celebration
- 61. More, to Manuel
- 62. Mode or king?

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